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IN MEMORIAM W. A. JUMP

The untimely death of William A. Jump on January 22 was a distinct loss to the Graduate School. For many years Mr. Jump had rendered loyal and effective service to the Graduate School as an instructor and as a member of the General Administration Board. His high sense of justice and duty and his personal honesty and integrity have left their imprint on students and faculty alike.

Mr. Jump was a resolute believer in democracy. He was continually striving for honest, vigorous and loyal public service. He believed in, and practiced, the philosophy of collaboration and cooperation in the development of policies and programs whether it be in the day to day operations of a unit or the relations with representatives of the legislative and executive branches of the Government.

Mr. Jump had faith in youth. Through precept and example he encouraged the continual quest for knowledge and information and the place of dynamic and progressive leadership in an advancing organization.

WICKARD JOINS GS BOARD

Appointment of Claude R. Wickard, REA Administrator and former Secretary, to the GS General Administration Board was announced by Secretary Brannan on March 15, 1949. The Board's members are: Hugh H. Bennett, P. V. Cardon, Ivy W. Duggan, C. O. Henderson, Albert J. Loveland, T. Roy Reid, Lyle F. Watts, O. V. Wells, Claude R. Wickard and M. L. Wilson.

Mr. Wickard fills the place left vacant by the death of W. A. Jump who served GS so long as instructor and board member.

LONG-RANGE PLANS UNDERWAY

Unanimous acceptance of the report and recommendations of its special Committee on Long-Range Plans was voted by the General Administration Board after a day-long session with the committee on February 3, 1949.

Appointed in June 1948 to consider long-range plans for GS from the standpoint of meeting major educational needs of USDA, the Committee made extensive studies and had the assistance of all USDA agencies, GS committees and others. Its recommendations, submitted at the February meeting in the form of a 30-page report, propose broad changes in GS structure and responsibilities. Members of the Committee were: Sherman E. Johnson (Chm.), BAE Assistant Chief; W. I. Myers, Cornell's Dean of Agriculture; J. D. Russell, Director of Higher Education, U. S. Office of Education; P. V. Cardon, ARA Administrator; and I. W. Duggan, FCA Governor.

At a meeting with Secretary Brannan on March 31, the Board submitted and discussed long-range recommendations. Upon approving the recommendations, Secretary Brannan asked that steps be taken to effect them.

BRANNAN ON GS ACTIVITIES

The significance of education for employees and others in effective USDA operations is forcefully presented by Secretary Brannan in the section covering USDA-GS(pp 168-169) in his Annual Report. Also out, since the last NEWSLETTER, is the GS 1948 Annual Report, copies of which went to Board and departmental committee members and to USDA agency heads. GS committees have made extensive use in program evaluation and planning of one of the two supplementary reports--that titled Report on Educational Statistics, 1948.

"LIKE 'ML' USED TO DO"

"ML Rides Again" might well be the title of a lecture series plus follow-up seminars planned for next year in the Department of Social Sciences. Long past but not forgotten are the GS lecture series and seminars put on in the 30's by M. L. Wilson, Extension Director. Year after year have come nostalgic requests for something like the series on Democracy or Current Economic Problems presented under "ML."

The series (tentatively titled Contemporary National Cultures) will have as objectives: 1) giving executives and others concerned with programs in foreign countries broad understanding of the differences in cultural and behavior patterns of racial and national groups with which they work; 2) showing differences between these and US and likely areas of conflict and misunderstanding; 3) use of cultural analysis in developing and administering international programs. "ML" will be assisted by F. F. (Buck) Elliott in operating the series and in leading the seminars.

Other related series in the same department, on tap for 1949-50 include: U.S. AGRICULTURAL POLICIES, PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS --another lecture-seminar combination and occupying the traditional Monday afternoon spot--organized by W. A. Minor(Sec.), C. R. (Cap) Arnold(FCA), Phil Aylesworth(Sec.), Frank Wooley(PMA), and Oris V. Wells(BAE); THE US AND WORLD AFFAIRS under the co-chairmanship of Nelson T. Johnson(Far East. Com.) and William Van Royen(U. of Md.); LATIN AMERICA--probably on Brazil or on LA industrialization--with Alberto Lleras(Pan Am.) and William Sanders(State) as co-chairmen; NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AFFECTING AGRICULTURE--probably a lecture-seminar combination--with Messrs. Rossiter(FAR) and Luckham(Br. Agr. Attaché) responsible.

GS AUTHORS

New books by GS faculty or committee members, and available in the Library, include: MANDATES, DEPENDENCIES, AND TRUSTEESHIP by H. Duncan Hall; AGRICULTURAL PRICES by Warren C. Waite and Harry C. Trelogan; HOW TO PREDICT ELECTIONS by Louis H. Bean; RURAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE by Milton I. Roemer and Frederick D. Mott.

BOARD MAKES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Reappointment of six GS department chairmen was made by the Board at its meeting March '31. Reappointed chairmen were: A. H. Moseman(PISAE-ARA), Biological Sciences; Lester A. Schlup(Ext.), Languages and Literature; W. Edwards Deming(Budget Bureau), Mathematics and Statistics; Virgil L. Couch (ECA), Office Techniques and Operations; Henry Stevens(AIC-ARA), Physical Sciences; and F. J. Sette(Research & Development Bd.), Technology. Sherman E. Johnson(BAE) succeeds as Social Sciences Chairman F.V. Waugh (Council of Econ. Advisors) who will remain as a committee member.

There were 28 persons reappointed as departmental committee members. Nineteen other persons received appointments, 11 to the 1949-51 term and 8 to vacancies in the 1948-50 term. New appointees are: Roland Bamford(U. of Md.), J. P. Blickensderfer (LOC), K. A. Butler(BAI-ARA), Patterson French(Budget Bureau), R. H. Fuchs(PMA), J. E. Halligan (FHA), H. E. Hilts(FWA), Neil W. Hosley(Int.), J. O. Howard(FAR), Erwin Jaffe (Com.), Daniel Klatzko(Treas.), W. P. Kramer (PS), E. L. LeClerg(AFA), A. J. Lehman(F&D), O. E. Reed(BDI-ARA), E. J. Stocking(CSC), C. C. Taylor(BAE), H. E. Trelogan(RMA), and E. J. Utz(Int.).

NEW LIBRARY COURSES GET WIDE ATTENTION

The success of two new GS courses (L&L) designed for subprofessional library assistants has gratified the sponsoring groups and aroused much interest in other cities. The Professional Activities Committee of Washington's Chapter of Special Libraries Association furnished the New York City Chapter with detailed information on the work here and similar courses will be given there. Requested information also has been sent the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association; Henry Ford Trade School, Dearborn Michigan; University of Minnesota Department of Library Instruction; and McGill University in Canada. The Professional Activities Committee, chaired by Mrs. Elsa Freeman(Lib.); its Sub-Committee on Library Education, chaired by Madeline Canova(Navy); and the Library of Congress sponsor the courses.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION TO REORGANIZE

Recommendations covering the reorganization of the Department of Public Administration were, with slight adjustments, accepted at meetings held March 10 and 11 by the Departmental Committee on Public Administration and chairmen of the sub-committees.

The major phase of the recommendations provides for introduction of a group of five new basic courses which together form an integrated progressive grounding in public administration.

The recommendations were the result of a two year study by a special Committee on General Administration composed of Harlow S. Person(REA), Chairman; John M. Carmody(formerly U. S. Maritime Commission); John J. Corson(Washington Post); Henry S. Dennison (Dennison Mfg. Co.); Arthur S. Flemming(Ohio Wesleyan); John M. Gaus(Harvard); Joseph P. Harris(U. of Calif.); Dillard B. Lasseter (FHA); Earl W. Loveridge(FS); and Leonard D. White(U. of Chicago).

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The 4th Annual Salon of the GS Photographic Seminar is scheduled in USDA's patio through the week of April 18. Clinton Young (Navy), Vice-Chairman, is in charge of plans.

The Seminar's annual dinner was held April 1, and newly elected officers are: Elmer Blekfeld(Navy), Pres.; Herbert Meyle (State), Vice-Pres. in Charge of Programs; Mrs. Frances Lewis(Washington Post), Vice-Pres. in Charge of Memberships; Sartain Smith(Architect), Vice-Pres. in Charge of Exhibits; Helen Marshall(Army), Historian; and Mary Papenheim(Navy), Secretary.

VOICE OF AMERICA USING GS LECTURES

"Voice of America" for some time has been recording all GS lectures for rebroadcast overseas. Recent lectures transcribed for this purpose were: HUMAN RESOURCES--OR LIABILITIES?, Dr. C. Chandrasekaran, UN; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA, Amos E. Taylor, Pan American; CONSERVATION THROUGH RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT, W. W. Horner, Consulting Engineer, St. Louis; ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, Robert W. Barnett, State.

TAYLOR HEADS NEW
HUMAN RELATIONS DIVISION

Establishment of a new Division of Human Relations under the chairmanship of Carl C. Taylor(BAE) was one of the steps taken at the February 23, 24 meetings of the Departmental Committee on Social Sciences. The division will include the former divisions of psychology and sociology together with new work in cultural anthropology and related fields.

Another action taken by the committee, in connection with its review of recommendations by divisional committees of 1949-50 programs, was appointment of Bushrod Allin, chairman of BAE's Outlook and Situation Board, as chairman of the Committee on General Economics. Appointed to serve with Dr. Allin were James P. Cavin(BAE), Mordecai Ezekiel(FAO), Howard L. Parsons(BAE) and Howard S. Piquet(Library of Congress).

SURVEY OF FIELD NEEDS PLANNED

A survey of specific field-force needs in correspondence and extension courses was decided on at the February meeting of the Committee on Correspondence and Extension Education chaired by E. J. Peterson(SCS). A sub-committee composed of Messrs. Adcock (PMA), Murphy(FS), Eisele(GS), and Taylor (BAI) is handling the survey which will be carried out by agencies with field activities using a questionnaire developed by a BAE group under Charles F. Sarle. Based on these returns the committee expects to expand and publicize the present correspondence study program with a new bulletin due out in early fall. Other committee members are Louise Bercaw(Lib.), and Messrs. Currie (Pers.), Cornelius(FHA), Hearne(Ext.), Van Leer(FCA) and Webster(Inf.).

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS

Reports on the progress of the research internship program were presented at a February 4 meeting of the Department Committee on Research Internships, chaired by R. Y. Winters(APA). Nominations by land-grant and other institutions were reviewed. Preliminary plans for 1949-50 were discussed. The agencies are now reviewing applications referred to them. Selections will be announced shortly.

NEAR-FUTURE LECTURES

April 18 4:30 p.m. Potentialities of the Tropics, Dr. Robert L. Pendleton, Johns Hopkins University.

April 25 4:30 p.m. Atomic Energy, Fuel of the Future, Sumner Pike, AEC.

June 3, 6, 7 4:00 p.m. Statistical Principles of Biological Assay, David J. Finney, Oxford University.

All Lectures in Jefferson Memorial Auditorium
No Charge

INTERNS FROM INDIA

Three students, under the supervision of the Embassy of India, are enrolled in the Graduate School. Sarada C. Sarma and Jagdish N. Tewari are interns in Sampling under the direction of the M&S Committee on Internships in Sampling. Ravindra C. Gupta, a graduate student in physics enrolled in GS photography courses, has been sent by the Indian Government for study in USA to prepare him to take charge of India's Archives.

PERSONALS

Dr. Basil M. Bensin, Agronomist, Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Alaska, gave a lecture on Views of a Former European Scientist on The Possibilities of Agriculture and Agriculture Research in Alaska in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium March 1. The lecture was sponsored by GS Department of Biological Sciences.

Dr. A. R. V. Arellano, Engineer, Geological Institute of Mexico City and Professor at the National University of Mexico, is observing GS course, Soils: Their Morphology, Genesis and Classification, taught by Dr. C. C. Nikiforoff. Dr. Arellano is spending three months at the U. S. National Museum completing the report of a geological survey of a section of northern Mexico. The survey was made in collaboration with Dr. G. A. Cooper, Paleontologist, National Museum.

Mrs. Virginia Vitiello has resigned from the GS staff after four years of excellent service. Taking her place is Miss Dova Smith who graduated from Chamberlain Vocational-High School in February.

The Newsletter is issued at intervals for information of faculty, committees and others interested. Address all inquiries to Vera Jensen, Room 1031 (Ext. 4419).

DAVID J. FINNEY TO LECTURE

STATISTICAL PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGICAL ASSAY will be the subject of a three-day lecture series to be presented in Jefferson Memorial Auditorium June 3, 6 and 7, 4:00-5:30 p.m., by David J. Finney, Lecturer in Design and Analysis of Experiment, Oxford University. The series will be sponsored by the GS Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Admission is free of charge.

ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS LECTURE ON RECOVERY

Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of Economic Affairs, observed that just as the Marshall Plan became a new element in the reconstruction phase of the American economic policy so is the so-called "Point Four," which the President presented in his inaugural address, a recognition of what now appears to be exceedingly important as part of the way of meeting some of the requirements of the under-developed countries. Mr. Thorp spoke on World Economic Recovery at the first of five lectures on ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WORLD POLITICS sponsored by the GS Department of Social Sciences. Other lecturers in this series were: Richard M. Bissell, Jr., Assistant Deputy Administrator, ECA; Amos E. Taylor, Director, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Organization of American States; Robert W. Barnett, Advisor, Office of Financial and Development Branch, State; and Willis Armstrong, Advisor, Division of Commercial Policy, State. Walter M. Kotschnig, Chief, Division of UN Economic and Social Affairs, State, chaired this series.

CAFETERIA COMMENTS

We're proud of the food and the service in our USDA Cafeterias. If you who use the 5th Wing Cafeteria-open 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday-have complaints or suggestions, they will be welcomed by the Manager, E. L. Lommasson, Ext. 5703. Faculty and students who are not USDA employees may enter the Cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. (to shorten later lines) with a special pass obtainable at the GS Business Office.

GS SUMMER SESSION

Registration for GS Summer Session will be May 31 through June 3, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.